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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously presented): A composite flooring material consisting essentially of:

a polyolefin foam sheet; a.

b. a first polyolefin film heat-laminated to a first surface of the foam sheet; and

a second polyolefin film heat-laminated to a second surface of the foam sheet, c. wherein at least one edge of the second film extends beyond a corresponding

edge of the foam sheet.

Claim 2 (Original): The composite material of Claim 1 wherein the foam sheet comprises

polyethylene.

Claim 3 (Previously presented): The composite material of Claim 2 wherein the foam sheet is

selected from the group consisting of a low density polyethylene, a medium density

polyethylene, and a high density polyethylene.

Claim 4 (Original): The composite material of Claim 1 wherein the foam sheet has a density

of between about 1 and about 8 pounds/ft³.

Claim 5 (Original): The composite material of Claim 1 wherein the foam sheet has a

thickness of between about 0.001 and about 2 inches.

Claim 6 (Original): The composite material of Claim 1 wherein the first film has a thickness

of not more than about 0.001 inches.

Claim 7 (Original): The composite material of Claim 6 wherein the first film has a thickness

of between about 0.0003 inches and about 0.00075.

Claim 8 (Canceled)

Claim 9 (Previously presented): The composite material of Claim 1 wherein the first film

comprises polyethylene.

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Claim 10 (Original): The composite material of Claim 9 wherein the first film comprises a

compound selected from the group consisting of low density polyethylene, metallocene

based polyethylene, medium density polyethylene, high density polyethylene, and biaxially

oriented polypropylene.

Claim 11 (Canceled).

Claim 12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Original): The composite material of Claim 1 wherein the first film is stretch-

oriented in at least two directions.

Claim 14 (Original): The composite material of Claim 1 wherein the first film has an

orientation ratio of at least about 2 in both of said at least two directions.

Claim 15 (Original): The composite material of Claim 1 wherein the second film has a

thickness between about 0.001 inches and about 0.008 inches.

Claim 16 (Original): The composite material of Claim 15 wherein the second film has a

thickness of about 0.002 inches.

Claim 17 (Canceled)

Claim 18 (Previously presented): The composite material of Claim 1 wherein the second film

comprises polyethylene.

Claim 19 (Original): The composite material of Claim 18 wherein the second film comprises

a low density polyethylene.

Claim 20 (Canceled).

Claim 21 (Canceled).

Claim 22 (Original): The composite material of Claim 1 further comprising an adhesive

positioned along at least a portion of said at least one edge of the second film that extends

beyond the corresponding edge of the foam sheet.

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Claim 23 (Original): The composite material of Claim 22 further comprising a release liner

applied to the adhesive layer.

Claim 24 (Withdrawn): A method for making a composite flooring material comprising the

steps of:

a. <u>heat-laminating</u> (adhering) a first <u>polyolefin</u> film to a first surface of a

polyolefin foam sheet; and

b. <u>heat-laminating</u> (adhering) a second <u>polyolefin</u> film to a second surface of the

foam sheet such that at least one edge of the film extends beyond a

corresponding edge of the foam sheet.

Claim 25 (Canceled)

Claim 26 (Canceled)

Claim 27 (Canceled)

Claim 28 (Canceled)

Claim 29 (Previously presented): The composite of Claim 1 wherein the first and second

films are stretch oriented in at least two directions.

Claim 30 (Previously added): The composite material of claim 29 further comprising an

adhesive positioned along at least a portion of said at least one edge of the second film that

extends beyond the corresponding edge of the foam sheet.

Claim 31 (Previously added): The composite material of claim 30 further comprising a

release layer positioned over said adhesive.